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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Please amend:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5, 6 and 7 to read as follows.

5. A communication system according to Claim 1 characterized in that the identified transponder (TR1) resumes the cyclic sending of its identifier (Id) after a random pause time (P) in the case where no modification (M) of the interrogation signal has occurred during the duration (D) of listening (E).

6. A communication system according to claim 1, characterized in that the modification (M) of the interrogation signal consists of a mute in the sending of the continuously sent interrogation signal (INT).

7. A communication system according to claim 1, characterized in that the command (C) sent by the interrogator unit comprises information to be read and/or written and/or executed by the identified transponder (TR1).